

## INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF Human Resources Committee

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Dr. Gail Lapidus Chairman Center for Slavic and East European Studies, University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA 94720

Dear Gail:

What a great pleasure to see you again: Your observations on the proposed research project to study changes in contemporary Soviet society were astute and cogent. Revitalizing the study of internal dynamics in the USSR through this and other approaches will be no easy task, but your vision, expertise, and productive energy encourage me enormously. Under your leadership the Joint Committee on Soviet Studies should be able to help significantly.

Our conversations with your colleagues associated with the Berkeley/ Stanford program were cordial and will help us evaluate the project, particularly the conceptual and management aspects.

We are continuing our efforts to secure Congressional support for program funding. Once this is assured, and on behalf of the Intelligence Community, we plan to submit a request for proposal (RFP) to those institutions that appear best qualified. The Berkeley/Stanford program clearly would be a stong contender, and your own participation, in whatever form deemed appropriate, would in my view be most desirable.

Please convey our sincere thanks to Professors Treml, Dallin, and George, and particularly to Dr. Dennis Ross, whose scheduling, lodging, and transportation arrangements and personal follow-up support were warmly appreciated.

Please keep me posted on relevant deliberations of the Joint Committee. I would always be pleased to see you here.

With warm regards,

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